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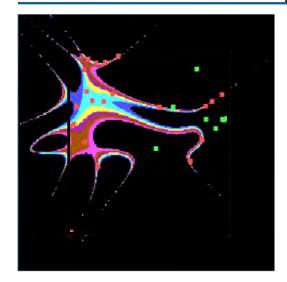
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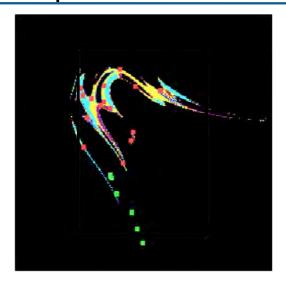
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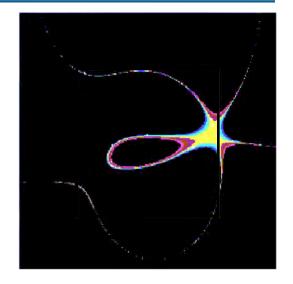
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The boundary between malicious and benign is fractally complex







(Source: Sentar Inc.'s MATCH project.)

- We and our adversaries are both exploring the boundary
- Their costs are low
- Ours are high

Leveling the Playing Field with Automation



WANTED: Breakthroughs in Deep Program Analysis

Program: Cyber Genome

APAC

Insight: Reuse resembles

heredity

Analyses SeL4 9KLOC [Klein 2009] scale Linux 6MLOC

[Dillig 2008]

Approach: Extract lineage

graphs

Define and demonstrate properties

Application:

Do profiling and

forecasting

Certify mobile applications

Reduce Human Analysis Time – Reduce Costs



DARPA DARPA Program Analysis Challenge

A second way to participate in the APAC effort

Open to all comers

A chance to prove your program analysis chops

Win cash Early 2013

- DARPA provides a set of mobile applications
- Bring your own tools
- Set time limit
- Compete to label each app as malicious or benign most accurately

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